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Reply to non-final Office Action mailed on October 3, 2003

REMARKS

Status of the claims

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2, 3, 5-11, 13-16, and 19-30 are pending in this application. Of these, claims 2, 8, 11, and 15 are independent. Claims 2, 3, 5-11, and 13-16 are amended. New claims 19-30 are added. Claims 1, 4, 12, 17, and 18 are canceled. Applicants believe that these changes introduce no new matter. Entry and consideration of this amendment are respectfully requested.

Objections to the Specification

The Specification is objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

At page 3, lines 1-3, the Specification states that a “second surface is defined by a portion of a paraboloid having a focus situated close to the lamp and an axis substantially parallel to a main axis of the headlight.” In addition, the Specification provides a description of an axis A2 with reference to a lower surface 12 that is in the form of a paraboloid of revolution. At page 5, lines 17-18, the Specification states that “the axis of revolution of the paraboloid is the main axis A2 of the headlight.”

The Examiner appears to have difficulty reconciling the language of page 3 with the language of page 5. However, the Examiner has not indicated why this illustrative sharing of axes does not provide this substantially parallel feature. Accordingly, Applicants request that this objection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The Examiner asserts that the phrase an axis substantially parallel to the main axis, as recited in claim 8, does not have clear support in the Specification. This claim language is found in the Specification on page 3, lines 1-3. Moreover, for at least the reasons set forth above

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regarding to the objection to the Specification, Applicants request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Objections to the claims

Claims 1-11 and 17 are objected to for containing minor informalities. These claims have been either amended or canceled to remove these informalities. Accordingly, Applicants request that this objection be withdrawn.

Claims 4 and 5 are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being in improper dependent form. Claim 4 has been canceled, thereby rendering this objection moot. Claim 5 has been amended to depend from claim 3. Accordingly, Applicants request that this objection be withdrawn.

Allowable claims

The Examiner states that claims 2, 11, 15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection(s) set forth in the Office Action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 8 would be also allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection and rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 2, 11 and 15 to overcome the objections. Claim 8 has also been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of these claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,565,246 to Suzuki et al.

Claims 1, 12, 17, and 18 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Claims 3, 6, 7, 9, and 10 have been amended to depend from claim 2. Claims 13, 14, and 16 have been amended to depend from claim 15. Accordingly, Applicants request that the rejection of these claim be withdrawn.

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New claims

New claims 19-24 depend from claim 8. New claims 25-30 depend from claim 11. Accordingly, allowance of these claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the stated grounds of rejection and objection have been properly traversed accommodated or rendered moot. Thus, Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance, and as such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objections, and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

A check for \$90.00 is enclosed for covering the fees for the addition of five claims in excess of twenty. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4503, Order No. 1948-4765.

Respectfully submitted,
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